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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR OF MEXICAN INDUSTRIAL
COMPLEX

1. THE DIRECTOR OF THE SAHUGUN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX,
FRANCISCO JAVIER ALEJO, RESIGNED HIS POSITION JUNE 29.
THE HUGE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IS TO BE REORGANIZED INTO
THREE SEPARATE ENTERPRISES; A) CONSTRUCTORA NACIONAL DE
CARROS FERROCARRILES, THE NATIONAL RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION
ENTERPRISE; B) SIDERURGICA NACIONAL, THE NATIONAL STEEL
MAKING AGENCY; AND C) RENAULT DE MEXICO, S.A., THE
MEXICAN BRANCH OF THE RENCH AUTOMOBILE GIANT.

2. ING. ENRIQUE OLLIVER GUIBAUDET HAS BEEN NAMED DIRECTOR
OF THE RAILROAD CAR CONSTRUCTING COMPANY. OLLIVER HAS
WORKED FOR THE FIRM SINCE ITS FOUNDING IN 1952 AND RECENTLY
WAS THE CONCERN'S PRODUCTION DIRECTOR.

3. THE NEW DIRECTOR OF SIDERURGICA NACIONAL IS ELEAZAR
COTA IZAGUIRRE, WHO HAD BEEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE
FIRM. COTA, WHO WAS THE OFFICIAL MAYOR AT THE SECRETARIAT
OF PLANNING AND THE BUDGET FROM 12/76-1/78, HAS A BACK-
GROUND IN ACCOUNTING.

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4. MARIO MELLA IS TO HEAD RENAULT AND COMES TO THE PO-
SITION FROM RENAULT DE ARGENTINA. HE SUPPOSEDLY HAS OVER
17 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN AUTOMOBILE MANAGEMENT AND
EXPORTATION.

5. OTEYZA, WHO ANNOUNCED THE CHANGE, STATED THAT SAHAGUN

WAS BEING REORGANIZED UNDER AN ADMINISTRATIVE RESTRUCTURING OF ALL STATE COMPANIES ORDERED BY LOPEZ PORTILLO. OTEYZA STRESSED THE TECHNICAL AND NON-POLITICAL BACKGROUND OF ALEJO'S REPLACEMENTS.

6. COMMENT: THE RESIGNATION IS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR THE 36 YEAR OLD, AMBITIOUS, AND HARD WORKING ALEJO, WHO ONCE HEADED THE SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY UNDER PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. ALEJO'S RESIGNATION REPORTEDLY STEMMED FROM A SERIES OF ESCALATING DISAGREEMENTS WITH HIS NOMINAL SUPERIOR, THE PRESENT SECRETARY OF NATIONAL PATRIMONY JOSE ANDRES OTEYZA. HE MAY ALSO HAVE RUN AFOUL OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR NATIONAL PATRIMONY NATAN WARMAN GRYJ, WHO CONTINUES TO PERFORM WELL IN BOTH ECONOMIC AND BUREAUCRATIC MATTERS. WHILE ALEJO MAY REMAIN HEAD OF THE MEXICAN NATIONAL DIESEL COMPANY, DINA, HIS POLITICAL FUTURE IS IN DOUBT, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE REPORTED PERSONAL DISLIKE THAT PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAS FOR HIM. ALEJO IS INTELLIGENT AND ENERGETIC AND WILL RETURN TO THE GOM SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE, BUT POSSIBLY NOT DURING THIS SEXENIO. LUCEY

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